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Dear Sirs,

As long time residents of Willington my family is appalled at any proposal to site a massive complex of firing ranges in the heart of our quiet and peaceful setting. Should any such insane scheme be implemented then Willington as the quintessential bucolic New England town will cease to exist. Two hundred and fifty years of gradual social evolution will vanish in a blaze of gunfire and the natural environment that has been the foundation of the town's beauty and appeal for generations will suffer and, eventually, become a wasteland. Willington's prospects for any positive future development will instantly and irrevocably disappear.

Regarding the Guglielmo and Larson bills (234 and 235) I would urge you as decision makers to combine the best elements of each bill as a way protecting both towns from ruination.

The East Haven National Guard site would seem to be the most viable and cost effective solution but other suitable state owned properties perhaps could work as well. A private land sale to the state that takes place in a town that embraces the state police plan would, of course, have to be considered.

But, finally, please don't fall prey to the claim that state police needs are so special and unique that they must have a grandiose Disneyland facility; don't let the perfect be the enemy of the good.

Respectfully yours, Ronald Dionne